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There were inspected and passed 2 steerage and 14 second cabin passengers and 2 large and 2 small pieces of luggage. Saturday, March 3, steamship *Saint Paul*, of the American Line, bound for New York with passengers and cargo. There were inspected and passed 114 second cabin and 461 steerage passengers and 240 pieces of large and 472 pieces of small luggage. I disinfected 23 pieces of large luggage for this ship.

Respectfully,

W. C. HOBODY,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

FRANCE.

*Report from Havre.*

HAVRE, FRANCE, March 6, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that on February 24 the steamship *La Champagne* sailed from this port for New York with 617 passengers, of which 71 were from the East and were collected at Marseilles. On March 3 the steamship *L' Aquitaine* sailed with 745 passengers.

As usual, all steerage passengers were vaccinated and inspected, and all their baggage inspected and labeled. All bedding and personal baggage of passengers coming from or via Marseilles was disinfected by steam, clean laundered linen being excepted. On March 3, 118 pieces were thus steamed.

Respectfully,

S. B. GRUBBS,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

GERMANY.

*Reports from Bremen.*

BREMEN, GERMANY, March 5, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the weekly abstract of bills of health which shows the transactions at this station during the past week.

The port of Bremen continues free from quarantinable diseases, though the epidemic of influenza still prevails. The total mortality for the past seven days was practically the same as the previous week. There were reported 3 cases of scarlet fever and 4 of diphtheria. There was not one case of typhoid fever.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,  
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

BREMEN, GERMANY, February 27, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith the weekly abstract of bills of health, which show the transactions at this port for the week ended February 24. The steamer *Rhein* carried 1,453 passengers in her steerage, the largest number during the present year. Although the number was large there was no overcrowding, as might have been expected. The hospital facilities, too, were ample. Owing to a con-

siderable delay in the sailing of the *Rhein* we were enabled to observe the results of our vaccination a week previous. I estimated the number of successful inoculations, as noted at the final inspection, to have been about 75 per cent. The result speaks well for the character of the virus.

The last weekly health report for the city of Bremen gives the number of deaths from all causes as 74. From this we estimate that the annual death rates per thousand is 2.65, a considerable increase over the normal for this city. It must be largely due to the influenza prevailing in this vicinity. The causes of death were, diphtheria, 1; acute intestinal diseases, 2; tubercle of lung, 11; pneumonia, 20, and all other diseases, 40.

Influenza is not reported separately, but is doubtless largely responsible for the deaths assigned as "All other diseases," as well as the cases of deaths from pneumonia. The weather for the past few days has been much milder, with more sunshine, so I expect an early subsidence of the epidemic of influenza.

\* The consul at Königsberg reports another week without an additional case of smallpox.

Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

#### *Reports from Hamburg.*

HAMBURG, *February 26, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended February 24, 1900: The steamship *Pretoria*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed on Sunday the 18th, carrying 1,001 steerage passengers. For these passengers 496 pieces of baggage were inspected and 263 were disinfected. The steamship *Palatia* was inspected with reference to steerage accommodations on Saturday, the 23d, preparatory to her sailing the next day. Bills of health were issued to 10 vessels during the week, of which 7 carried cargo. The last official health report indicates a decrease in the prevalence of influenza in this city.

Respectfully,

A. C. SMITH,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

HAMBURG, GERMANY, *March 5, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report for the week ended March 3, 1900:

The steamship *Palatia*, of the Hamburg-American Line, sailed on Sunday, January 25, carrying 1,328 steerage passengers. For these passengers 650 pieces of baggage were inspected, and 302 were disinfected. \* \* \* The steamship *Pisa*, of the Union Line, sailed February 28, carrying 373 steerage passengers for the Hamburg-American Line. For these passengers 220 pieces of baggage were inspected and 86 were disinfected. The steerage compartments of the *Pisa* were inspected before embarkation of the passengers. The steerage compartments of the steamship *Patricia* were inspected March 3, preparatory to her sailing the next day. Bills of health were issued during the week to 9 vessels, 7 of which carried cargo.

There is a continued decrease in the number of reported cases of influenza, but the death rate has evidently been somewhat affected by